

Chambers County Library Advisory Board Meeting
November 14, 2023; 4:00 p.m. – 5:17 p.m.
Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library – Mont Belvieu

In attendance: Tabitha Manuel (board member), John M. Hart (board member), Kelli Redd (board member), Danielle Blair (public), Bobbi Jo Chapman (board member), Mary Johnson (public), Aquilia De la Cruz (CCL Branch Head), Yolie Belt (MB Branch Head), Patti Long (board member), Cindy Alegria (WN Branch Head), Comm. Ryan Dagley, Comm. Tommy Hammond, Molly McGinty (County Librarian)

Board Members not in Attendance – James Colquitt, Courtney Johnson

Call to Order 4:00 p.m. by Molly McGinty

Welcome.

Comm. Dagley is introduced and shares a brief message: Thank you for serving. We are in a better spot than we were 6 months ago. We took things and made them better. We must balance politics and freedom of speech. CCLS is a vibrant library system and one of the best in the state – we serve the entire public. Thank you to the volunteers. We will work together to do good work.

Appointments:

Chair: Patti Long

VC: Kelli Redd

Secretary: John Hart

These names were nominated by fellow board members or volunteered.

Motion: It is proposed that Patti Long be appointed as Chairperson, with Kelli Red as Vice-Chair, and John Hart as Secretary – made by Molly McGinty

Second: Tabitha Manuel

Approved Unanimous

By-laws read and reviewed.

Policy changes:

Amend By-laws - Article 4; Section 1 to include language of a vice-chairperson.

Amend by-laws – Article 4; Section 2: In the absence of the Chair from a board meeting, the ~~Secretary~~ Vice Chair shall preside.

Motion of language change Proposed by: Molly McGinty

Seconded by: Tabitha Manuel

Approved Unanimous

Juvenile Restricted Library Cards

New policy regarding Juvenile Restricted Library Cards to be added to the Policy: Card Issuing and Replacement Policy.

Motion by: Kelli Redd

Seconded by: Tabitha Manuel

Approved with points raised for discussion:

Important Points brought to the floor:

White card is confirmation of parental approval: considered to be already in library card bylaws about library cards

Cards and self-check out machines: issue noted as invalidated due to librarian needed to hand over restricted books

Change language to remove 'restricted:' general approval but no vote confirmation

No picture for minor library cards: approved for potential legal issues, no vote confirmation

Fix example card to show -16 instead of -18

Advertising of cards required for outreach

Staff training and transition period may take additional time

Will need to be revisited in the future for adjustment when issues appear

CCLS Staff will be trained in how to make a Juvenile Restricted in December

Soft launch for new cards: January 2024

Question was raised by Cindy Alegria about why the yearbooks were removed from the CCLS website. This was done in October because an outside news/social media site used a minor's photo, that they downloaded from the CCLS Yearbook Website. The parent of the minor was upset by this and so all yearbooks were removed from website access. Physical copies of the yearbooks are all still available at CCLS libraries.

Anahuac Temporarily Removed from Meeting Rotation due to construction and logistical concerns

Motion By: N/A

Seconded By: N/A

Approved Unanimous

Following meetings will alternate between MB and Winnie until construction is completed

Meetings for 2024, 4:00 p.m.

February 13 – Juanita Hargraves Memorial Library – Winnie

May 14 – Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library – Mont Belvieu

August 13 – Juanita Hargraves Memorial Library – Winnie

November 12 - Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library – Mont Belvieu

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes created by John M. Hart, Secretary and Molly McGinty, County Librarian
11/16/23

Approved by Library Advisory Board Feb 13, 2024